

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 15, 2001  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	Karen Keith, Goodyear
*Nathan Crane, Avondale	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
*Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Bob Pazera, Chandler	Linda Charron, Peoria
*Rene Romero, El Mirage	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
Jesse Drake, Fountain Hills	*Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Rosalinda Herrera, Surprise
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	Mark Elma, Tempe
Kate Langford, Glendale	*Jerry Stricklin, Wickenburg
*Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley	*Dick Gregory, Youngtown

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Harry Wolfe, MAG

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

Persons wishing to address the MAG POPTAC will be provided an opportunity to comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2001

It was moved by Bob Pazera, seconded by Linda Charron and unanimously recommended to approve the MAG POPTAC meeting minutes of January 18, 2001.

4. Building Permit Completion Status Report

Harry Wolfe explained that building permit completions for the quarter ending March 31, 2001 would be due on May 1, 2001. He urged that jurisdictions that had not provided completions for previous quarters forward them to MAG as soon as possible. Mr. Wolfe noted that the fiscal year will end June 30, 2001 and that he didn't want jurisdictions to get too far behind in their submittal of permit completions. He added that DES requires that the permits be forwarded to them by the first week of August.

5. Status Report on Census 2000

Harry Wolfe stated that that Census 2000 data for redistricting will be released down to the block level the week of March 26, 2001. He said that this includes total population and population 18 years and older by race and ethnicity. He also noted that Census counts for cities and towns would also be released. Mr. Wolfe said that MAG staff would be meeting with DES to discuss the dissemination of Census data and would send out an e-mail next week when w had more information.

6. The Future of the Special Census Program

Harry Wolfe informed the MAG POPTAC that on March 6, 2001, the Census Bureau held a focus group in Alexandria Virginia to solicit input on the future of the Special Census Program. He indicated that Jim Bourey and Harry Wolfe represented MAG and eight representatives from other jurisdictions from around the country were in attendance. Mr. Wolfe explained that Census Bureau staff explored three options for a Special Census: "intercensal estimates" prepared by the Bureau annually, the American Community Survey and Update/Enumerate. The Bureau will be making a decision on the future of the Special Census Program later this year.

George Pettit inquired when preparations for a Special Census would need to begin. Harry Wolfe responded that he thought it would need to be included in our next year's (FY 2003) Work Program.

7. MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project

Harry Wolfe mentioned that MAG is undertaking a GIS and Database Enhancement Project to establish the base from which a new set of socioeconomic projections will be developed. He continued that in February portions of the updated MAG Street Centerline File were forwarded to some member agencies for review and that other portions of the file are still under development. He indicated that he would notify member agencies regarding the schedule for the distribution of the remaining portions of the street centerline and for providing comments.

8. Update of Socioeconomic Projections

Harry Wolfe stated that at the February 2, 2001 meeting of the State Population Technical Advisory Committee a schedule for preparing new socioeconomic projections was discussed. He added that because all the Census data used to prepare new projections will not be available in the coming year, it was concluded that that an interim projection be prepared in 2002, and a full projection in 2003. He said that DES would prepare state and county resident population projections and then MAG would use those as control totals to develop subregional projections. .

9. Process for Making Revisions to Municipal Planning Areas

Harry Wolfe said that in preparation for the next round of socioeconomic projections, MAG staff would need to coordinate with member agencies regarding revisions to their Municipal Planning Areas (MPAs). He mentioned that revisions to MPAs are needed where cities and towns have annexed outside their corporate limits and to incorporate other land that may be considered a part of their planning area in the future. Mr. Wolfe said that meeting would be set up with member

agencies requiring MPA revisions.

10. Water Service Area Resident Population Updates

Harry Wolfe explained that for the past eleven years, MAG had been contracted by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to assist them with the preparation of resident population estimates for Water Service Areas. He said that the estimates were prepared using a method consistent with the method used to prepare municipality population estimates. He also noted that Water Service Area estimates are used by ADWR to gauge compliance with municipal per capita water use targets; and that because of funding shortages, ADWR discontinued the contract and has requested each Water Service Provider to forward them information to be used in preparing estimates.

Linda Charron suggested that MAG member agencies provide funding to MAG staff to support the preparation of Water Service Area Resident Population Estimates. Harry Wolfe responded that he would confer with MAG Management on the issue.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Harry Wolfe reported that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC was scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. He said that conflicts with the Saguaro Room required that we move to another meeting room if we keep the same meeting time. George Pettit recommended retaining the same time for the meeting, but moving to another room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

